

**REMARKS**

Preliminary to examination of this application, please amend claims 1-16 and 19-24, cancel claims 17, 18, 25, and 26, and add new claims 27 and 28 as set forth above. Applicant amends the claims to remove multiple dependencies, provide proper antecedent basis, and to address other matters of form. The foregoing amendments are not related to issues of patentability. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the specification, Figures and claims as originally filed.

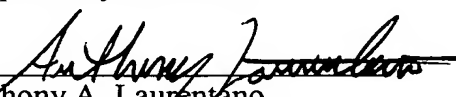
Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing amendments introduce no new matter. Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is in order and requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. BTW-092US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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